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Alexander Clarkson, aged 72 years, died Sunday of paralysis at his residence, 2307 West Eighteenth street, Wilmington.

Bishop Coleman preached at the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst on Sunday and dedicated an altar there.

Mrs. Mary Clayton, of 215 Madison street, Wilmington, took an overdose of laudanum, but was resuscitated at the Delaware Hospital.

A "Southern Fair" was opened in the Pyle Cycle Academy, Wilmington, Monday evening by Eden Lodge, I. O. O. F., and will continue a week.

Clement Steele, a saloon-keeper on East Second street, near King, Wilmington, was taken ill on Sunday and died Monday of heart disease. He was 38 years old and married.

Captain Chapman C. Todd, U. S. N., formerly commander of the gunboat Wilmington, is to lecture in West Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, in the near future on his trip on the Amazon river.

The feasibility of an electric railway from Milford to Ellendale, for passenger and freight traffic is being discussed. The promoters are trying to get the Queen Anne's Railroad Co. interested in the project.

Prof. John A. Collins, of Milton, wants to be appointed superintendent of the schools of Sussex county by Governor-elect Hunn. Mr. Collins is one of the most prominent and popular teachers on the Peninsula.

The Board of Trade of Wilmington will have a bill drawn for presentation to the Legislature to authorize the city to spend annually for five years one-tenth of what the government oppropriates for the Christiana river.

One of our contemporaries asserts that a western girl who bet a kiss on every State carried by McKinley, has refused to pay up. That will do to tell. No girl who bets a kiss where she is dead sure to lose, will refuse to pay.

Sheriff-elect Samuel A. McDaniel, of New Castle county, has taken the oath of office and will take Sheriff John E. Taylor's place at the expiration of Taylor's term, December 31. The new Sheriff bonds in the sum of $50,000.

It is said that the four cent stamp in the new series to be issued and sold during the next commemoration of the Pan American exposition at Buffalo will have as its central piece a motor vehicle, representing the latest form of transportation.

The horses around Milford are dying by the score from some unknown complaint like blind staggers. In Slaughter Neck numbers of farmers have lost one or more of his best drivers. The animals last only about ten hours after being taken.

A number of Lewis people who killed their hogs during the cold snap a few weeks ago lost the meat in the warm weather that followed. At the fisheries a large amount of pork is raised every year and the whole of the five thousand pounds butchered recently has spoiled.

Sheriff Wharton Tuesday seized the canning factory and property of H. A. Relk, of Frederica, on claims filed by Joseph Holland and others. It is thought however, that Mr. Reik, who is well known in that vicinity, can arrange matters satisfactorily, as the claims aggregate less than $1,000.

Charles E. Evans, the oldest member of the Friendship Fire Company, of Wilmington, who joined the company in 1846, presided at the banquet at the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the company last night in German Hall.

Dr. Jean M. Wilson, pathologist at the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane, has tendered her resignation and will return to her home in Toronto, Canada. Her father died recently and the doctor desires to be near her mother. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Burglars entered the house of Miss Ann Catherine Flinn at Elsmere Monday morning and secured some bread and butter before being frightened away. Levy Courtman John Lynn, who lives near by, shot off his gun to scare them. Some months ago a sealskin sacque was stolen from Miss Flinn.

Assessor John Shearer and J. Harry King, of New Castle, have started a mushroon farm, and will begin business on a large scale. Mr. King has a plot of ground under perfect shelter and cultivation, and strict attention to the culture of the mushrooms will be given, and it is expected to supply the Wilmington markets with the goods.

Clerk of the Peace Downs of Kent county, has issued the following marriage licenes. William Dyer Ennis and Miss Eva Carey; Irwin C. Bowdle and Miss Georgia Layton; Harvey Bedwell and Elva Golt; Charles A. Short and Miss Elizabeth Priestly; Caleb Jones Maris and Miss Jennie Garbett; David Taylor and Miss Rebecca Scott.

The will of Mrs. Mary ... recently died in Camden ... 92 years, will be co... nephew, Harry Morris ... received $200 and a ... brother, Edward ... receives $300, ... nie Green, wi... Camden, ...

Hills... the so...

The house of Joseph Guy, of Townsend, was entered on Tuesday by thieves while the family were out shopping. Much clothing and several boxes of other goods were stolen.

The latest addition to the staff of Governor-elect John Hunn, it is said, is the appointment of T. Jefferson Pyle, a member of the firm of McDowell, Pyle & Co., candy manufacturers of Baltimore, to be colonel. Mr. Pyle is well known on the Peninsula.

There are lots of fakes going through the country now, and the farmers should give them a wide birth as they particularly like to work the farmers because they have a much better chance to get away before being discovered than they would have in town where there are so many people. The best way is to buy from those you know and then if not as represented you have some redress.

The Quarterly Conference of Nazareth M. E. Church at New Castle was held Monday night. The members of the congregation comtemplated the return of the Rev. Eugene H. Thrasher for another year, but he had a letter in the hands of the secretary notifying the church of his refusal to be a candidate for the office on the ground that he needed a change of climate to a dryer one than that of New Castle.

Superintendent J. W. Allen, of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Telephone Company, arrived at New Castle Tuesday with a number of men, horses and wagons and will construct a line from this city to Wilmington to connect with the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company. The line will be a telephone service from Norfolk, Va., to Wilmington, and from that place to New York the telegraph service will be used.

The Marriage of Miss Anna Richards, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Richards, and Frank M. Jones, associate editor of the *Sussex Journal*, was solemnized in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church Dover, at 2 o'clock P. M. Wednesday the Rev. Adam Stengle officiating. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants, and evergreens, chief among which was holly. The bride entered the church leaning upon the arm of her father, who gave her away.

There is a feeling of unrest among some of the Methodist churchmen of lower Delaware because many pastors have signified their intention of asking for new fields of labor at the coming session of the Wilmington Annual Conference to be held at Seaford. Rev. O. W. DeVenish, of Clayton, Rev. Edwin Gardner, of Cheswold, Rev. J. E. Graham, of Wyoming, Rev. E. R. Seidel, of Marydel, Rev. E. H. Roberts, of Still Pond, and now Rev. Charles A. Hill, of Smyrna, are among the Methodists to change.

The swearing in of Governor-elect Hunn, promises to be attended by an unusual procedure. Ever since Delaware first began having governors it has been the custom to have the chief executive take the oath of office on an old Latin Bible, now so sacred a keepsake that it is kept in a fireproof case in the State Library. Governor-elect Hunn is a member of the Society of Friends, and only makes affirmation. He will demand this right, and the old Latin Bible will miss the kiss of the only governor who has ever neglected it.

Wilmington division, No. 224, Order of Railway Conductors, on Sunday elected the following officers: Chief Conductor, T. W. Quillen; Assistant Chief Conductor, J. T. Sweeney; Secretary and Treasurer, Colonel J. T. Layfield; Senior Conductor, L. E. Powell; Junior Conductor, T. O. Tracy; Inside Sentinel, E. M. Dunn; Outside Sentinel, W. E. Townsend; Trustees, W. J. Johnston, I. T. Parker and C. E. Wyeman; legislative committee, I. T. Parker; delegate to grand division, which meets in St. Paul, Minn., next May, C. F. Sweeney; alternate, H. V. Easom. They were installed by J. H. Mooney, of the Philadelphia division.

Trolley Road to Smyrna

The project of running a trolley line down the State from Delaware City via Odessa, through Thoroughfare Neck to Smyrna, is again revived, and the projectors—Harry A. Richardson, Peter J. Ford, Peter L. Cooper, and others will meet in a week or two at the residence o George C. Rothwell near town, to decide on the route and other matters pertaining to its execution.—*Smyrna Times.*

New Trolley Line

The movement to establish a trolley line for freight and passenger service between Ellendale and Milford is being discussed. The promoters of the enterprise are endeavoring to secure the interest of the Queen Anne Railroad Company, which touches at Ellendale, and which would be benefited by the line. It is their desire to build the line in the early spring.

Must Not Drink

Levy Court Commissioner-elect Charles Megginson is reported not to be in favor of any man for bridgetender who uses intoxicating liquor. He says that by ... of experience he has discovered ... of the trouble at the county ... used by men under

BETTER PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The new General Assembly of Delaware will probably take some important action in regard to the financial stand of public schools of Delaware. Owing to insufficiency of funds a number of schools in some of the larger towns were compelled to close before the end of the school year, thus leaving the scholars four or five months without school advantages, and at a season of the year when they could easily attend. Although the annual appropriation allowed to each district school, by the State, is $275, yet by maneuvering on the part of some legislators, this has been so changed that some schools receive a double apportionment, while others suffered. This is done by a legislator who introduces a bill to divide certain districts, and then, later in the session, introducing another, combining the divided districts. By this means some schools now receive $4 per capita for its pupils, instead of $1.50.

The new Legislature will doubtless equalize the appropriations and increase the same in order that the schools may remain open during a longer term. Representative elect Baynard of Wilmington, is interested in a plan to make a uniform rate of $1 per day as allowance for all the district school teacher for every day in the year he keeps his school open and teaches, increasing the salary if the attendance exceeds fifty. There would be no extra expense on the part of the school commissioners during the summer months. Mr. Baynard has had considerable experience in Wilmington's educational affairs.

CHECK STAMPS TO GO

Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee, has introduced a bill reducing the taxation under the war revenue act, after the Republican members of the committee had agreed on a form of the measure and the articles to receive the reduction of tax. The bill provides an aggregate reduction estimated at $40,000,338. The following are the principal items in amount that are stricken from the schedule under the proposed bill:

The two cent stamps on bank checks certificates of deposit, drafts, postal money orders, etc., are very annoying to a class of people and much complaint has been made to the committee, especially from the smaller towns and from farmers.

Another source of annoyance has been the tax of 1 cent on express receipts and telegraph messages. There is no doubt but that this taxation has caused more widespread annoyance and trouble than anything else in the act. The committee, therefore, has striken these from the law. The tax upon deeds and conveyances has been quite burdensome in numerous instances, as well as the tax upon insurance and leases. The tax upon promissory notes and mortgages has been very onerous upon the debt or class. It has seemed to them that it was enough to pay interest without paying a tribute to the Government upon every transaction of this kind.

The effort to have the internal revnue tax taken off checks, drafts, receipts, etc., which will be made at the present Congress is oppresed by the Federation of Labor. The reason given in the resolution is that such tax is not paid by the laboring men, who pay more than their share of taxes, but by the business men.

THE DR. MOORE CASE

There was not one bit of evidence in the case against Dr. Thomas C. Moore to warrant the three judges, Lore, Pennewill and Grubb giving another verdict than what they did, when the jury was out less than half an hour after all the witnesses had been heard. At least more than half a dozen reputable men, merchants in business in Smyrna swore that they would not believe the prosecuting witness on his oath; that his reputation was bad in the community where he resided. All the State witnesses testified that Dr. Moore's character was good. The Attorney-General had a weak case, in fact, he had no case at all and the only wonder is that he brought it against Dr. Moore. The writer heard the majority of witnesses give in their testimony and was surprised that the case was ever pressed. The State Treasury is several thousand dollars poorer by the action of the Attorney-General.—*Wilmington Republican.*

CENSUS OF PENINSULA TOWNS

For some time a rivalry existed between the towns of Delaware and those of the Eastern Shore of Maryland in regard to their population, Dover and Salisbury, were thought to be leaders and the people of the latter town were very much pleased by the recent establishment of a free mail delivery with uniform carriers, the first on the peninsula south of Wilmington.

According to the recent census, however, Cambridge is the largest town on the peninsula, ranking next to Wilmington, and having 5,747 population. The second is Salisbury, with 4,247; New Castle third, with 3,380; Dover, 3,320; Crisfield, 3,165; Easton, 3,074; Chestertown, 3,008; Elkton, 2,542; Milford, 2,500; Lewes, 2,259; Pocomoke City, 2,124; Smyrna, 2,168.

W. S. QUIGLEY BONDS

The bond of Winfield S. Quigley, who will success Jefferson B. Foard as clerk of ... peace on January 1st, was approved ... the Superior Court. The amount ... which comprises the $3,000 re... the old law, and $60,000 ... added when the clerk of the ... the collection of S... ...lsmen are John ... Marlin, Edgar ... Al...

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The Farmer's Education

"Educated farmers! What does a farmer want of education? There's too much education now."

This is what a well-to-do farmer said in my presence not long ago. I knew this man had a very limited knowledge of books, having been thrown on his own resources when a mere lad and gaining all the education he had after working all day in the field. I knew him to be a man of untiring energy. In spite of his lack in this respect, he had acquired a comfortable fortune. He was respected as a member of the community in which he lived. In short, he held a place quite above that of the average farmer. He thoroughly believed that "any one can be a farmer."

A short time afterward I listened to a member of the New York State Legislature when he said that he believed no man needed an education unless he intended to be a professional man. All beyond a common school education, he declared, was time thrown away. "Education makes men rascals," he affirmed. "We never had so many educated men as now," he went on, "and never were there so many thieves, liars, drunkards and scoundrels as to-day."

How like a clod such talk must fall upon the ambition of the country boy who longs to know more! How many young men are being kept back by fathers and other professed friends who hold these views no one can tell. But I hold that it is a wrong which may never be righted to thus kill the hopes of the humblest boy in the land. There is too much talk about the young man having no chance at the present time. No friend of the young man or friend of society would entertain such an opinion.

Why should the farmer boy want an education? Because he can only be at his best as a citizen if he has the most thorough knowledge possible of his business. I happen to know that the old man spoken of above, who thought no farmer needs education, has spent hundreds of dollars sending his children to school. He has done this not for the sake of being able to say that his children have just as good an education as anybody's, nor because he feels that he himself has been handicapped all his life, but simply and solely for the reason that he wants to see them truly successful men and women. His own course in this respect gives the lie direct to the words of his mouth. Now, when he has no more children to educate and when he is compelled by the laws of the State to help educate other men's children, he squirms and says that education for the farmer is a waste of time and money.

Again, the farmer boy ought to be educated because he is not a good all round man if he is not. The farming interests of this country have suffered untold losses because men have followed along in the same narrow channel year after year, ploughing and harrowing and digging just as their fathers did. Opportunities of inestimable value have been thus allowed to go to waste. Men who might have been giants in their business have died dwarfs. The very farmer who made the assertion which stands at the head of this article might, if properly educated, have achieved a success which would have astonished himself and proved a benefaction to the world. The fact that he succeeded with his limited knowledge shows that he must have been a man of more than ordinary ability. What might he not have done under more favorable circumstances?

Then, it is a man's duty to make the most of himself. Society has no place for the man who is developed just on one line. That is what makes men narrow, holds them in ruts and keeps them from doing what they otherwise might do. No matter how bright a man may be by nature, if he spends his whole life ploughing and sowing and reaping, with no desire to know what the great world about him is doing, he cannot help being a dwarf. He must read. He must keep pace with the best thought of the world. He must live a broad life in every way to fill the place open to him in the world's economy.

I know of farmers who have spent years as teachers in the public schools of their States. Some have filled the highest office in the gift of the people most acceptably. Some have reached eminence as specialists in the field of horticulture and other fields of outdoor life. These men are universally sought and their judgment held in high respect.

As far as the theory of the legislator quoted above is concerned, must we not conclude that the man who holds such views is not himself as straightforward as he should be? Character does not depend upon the amount of knowledge a man possesses. It has its foundation in something besides education. If we wish to know how great a knave a man is, we do not examine him in history or geometry. We rather inquire into the tendencies which have come to him by hereditary descent and study the circumstances which have surrounded him from youth up. We try to find out whether the better side of his nature has been allowed to suffer while his other faculties were being developed. I like to do all I can to encourage the farmer lad of our country to reach out toward the very best that is within his reach in the way of all round education. If it is not so that you can go away to school just at present, do not be discouraged. Work away the best you can. No boy is so held down by his surroundings that he cannot do something in the line of procuring an educa... of Lincoln, reading by the ... flickering fire. Think of ... possible. You will be a better farmer if you understand all the sciences and all the languages and all the mathematics possible. Then, too, if thus fitted by nature and by acquirements, you will be prepared to do anything which society wants you to do. Who can tell just what he will be called upon to do in this day and age of the world? Be ready. When the time comes hold your head up as high as any one around you, feeling that because you have grown up on the farm and because you have made the most of yourself, you are entitled to the very best place which may be open to you.

Then think of the satisfaction it is to the farmer to know that he is fully the peer of his neighbor from an educational standpoint, whether that neighbor be doctor, priest or lawyer. To the man who is able to honestly hold this opinion of himself the world takes on a new light. Life takes on a meaning it cannot to the one who is satisfied simply to drift along in the narrow stream with those who believe education is not meant for the

But is it possible for the farmer thus to gain an education? On this point there can be little difference of opinion. The many schools of correspondence throughout the country come to supplement the work of the common schools. One may have the best literature of the world brought to his door. If he wishes to enlarge his knowledge of agricultural matters, in many States there are now reading courses prepared by the most successful men to be found anywhere. The New York Reading Course is now in charge of Professor L. H. Bailey, of Ithaca. It is free to every farmer who wishes to take it. Books and papers bearing on the some subject are within easy reach of all. Has not the time come when the farmer, of all men, should be thoroughly educated in everything pertaining to his calling? And should he not be?—*Edgar L.*

BABY GIVEN AWAY

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A. M. Donsereaux's Lansing ... ment store has given the asso... bolt of handsome mull sufficient to make eight long dresses and twelve short ones for infants under a year old.

Sufficient cloth and trimming will be sent to twenty different ladies or societies, in the order of application, who will volunteer to make the dresses for the infants who come to the nursery. Each volunteer will choose her own pattern. When made the dresses will each be numbered to correspond with the number of the maker and the general public, anywhere, reading this, is invited to send a vote for one of the numbers, 1 to 20 inclusive, voting to begin at once and end the first day of March, 1901, for the following purpose viz:

The lady or society whose number receives the largest number of votes will be given a child for adoption, by properly applying for it and presenting satisfactory evidence of moral, mental and financial ability to properly care for it.

If not prepared to adopt the child, it will be clad in the dress the winning number made and its life sized picture, handsomely framed, will be presented to the lady or society whose number received the most votes.

A special committee will also a... handsome prize to the maker ... neatest and best made dress.

Each voter who will send with t... a contribution to the association—... nickels, dimes or dollars—to he... vide homes for homeless children, ... ceive a handsome cabinet sized ... the child's picture free.

Volunteers applying for the c... make a dress should also send a v... some number. If no cloth is re... will be understood all has been ... ted to previous volunteers. An... letter of inquiry should enclose ...

Send all votes and contribu... Rev. Winfield Sly, Pres. R. B. B... North Pine street, Lansing, Mich...

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Every State has increased i... tion, and the only city which l... ently lost is the one which ... return ten years ago and now ... its folly.

The United States now ha... population than any Europe... except Russia, and the ave... wealth and productive capac... us far beyond that kingdo... greatness. Germany, among ... countries, comes next to ... States, but it can show only a ... of 52,279 901, or about two-... total. In area the United St... new possessions, is about a... Europe. In wealth it is the ri... the world has ever know... *Evening Post.*

TO ORGANIZE A SAVIN...

A movement is on foot ... savings bank in Centrevil... future. This bank will not ... opposition to the two Na... the town, but for the the... ing the working people ... to save a part of their ... movement is a good on... enable many a person ... who, at present, do n... have no such an institu... could make a deposit o... cents, or even smaller. ... poorest can save some... day. We trust our citi... financially interested ... will aid in this move...

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of our readers young and old we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas. In our enjoyment of the day, may we all be blessed with the inner consciousness that we have helped at least one in poorer circumstances than ourselves to a better and happier appreciation of the fact that this is indeed the natal day of Him who came to be a friend to the poor and to call not the saints but the sinners to repentance.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WATER SUPPLY

It was fortunate indeed that the fire on Tuesday morning of this week was not backed by a wind. The morning was almost absolutely calm. Had there been a breeze of any strength, no power could have saved the north end of the town. The Hose Company was prompt in getting to the scene of the fire, but when arrived were not of much use. The first line of hose laid was 15 years old and while only three or four hundred feet were run out, at least one half of it burst under pressure. This caused two or three shut downs of several minutes duration. When an effort was made to run a second line, it was found to be impossible to open the plug although at least three men tried it and bent a steel wrench in their efforts. We have inquired from members of the Hose Company what the matter is. We have also inquired of members of the Town Commissioners and the Light and Water Commission, and from these sources gather the following information. The Town Commissioners pay the Light and Water Commission $25 per year for each fire plug. The fact that the Town is in arrears for this rent does not and cannot excuse the Light and Water Commission for not keeping the fire plugs ready for service. The Town Commissioners makes an appropriation each year of $200 to support the Hose Company and have a right to expect the Company to keep its hose in proper shape. On the other hand, members of the Company say, that they have been trying to buy 400 feet, or $250 worth, of hose since early summer and gave the order for it on the 7th of the present month. The only reason they have waited is that the Town could not or would not pay the appriation due September 1st, 1900. The Town Commissioners say they cannot get the money due them for taxes. It is only a few years ago that the law in reference to collection of Town Taxes was completely changed, to secure a cheaper way of doing the work. As a result of these changes, instead of getting the tax levy in one year, the Town does not get it in two years. This is all wrong. One half of the Town Tax is paid one month of the year, June, and twenty three months does not suffice to collect the other half including errors. Members of the Hose Company say that the coming election of officers will see an entire re-organization. The same thing should obtain in the Town Commissioners and the Light and Water Commission. The carelessness displayed in the management of our fire protection is almost criminal, and unless a change is made, will result in riotous destruction of property and possibly of life.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The Middletown Dramatic Association will present "Three Hats," a laughable comedy in three acts in the Opera House, Christmas night.

The following is the cast: Sam Selmyn, married man, Mr. J. A. Suydam; Fred Selmyr, his unwilling slave, Mr. Henry Farrell; Captain Katskill, of the Kilkenny Irregulars, Mr. Jay Davis; Dibbs, who buttons, Mr. Albert L. Massey; Mrs. Blithers, Professor of Penmanship, Mr. Harry Hardcastle; Mrs. Selmyr, Mr. Selmyr's better half, Miss Kathryn Vanhorn; Grace, her daughter, Miss A. Louise Collins; Tilly, a parlor maid, Mrs. A. Vanhorn; Lottie Blithers, Fred's fiance, Miss Lillie Cochran. Tickets on sale at W. S. Letherbury's. Reserved seats, 35 cents. General admission, 25 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance begins at 8 o'clock.

HORSE'S KICK KILLED HIM

Alexander Sisco, aged 34, a colored man employed by J. S. Griffith, at Odessa, was instantly killed by a kick by a horse Saturday morning.

The horse, cautioned by Joseph Engles not to go to the stable where the horse was assisted. As he walked in the horse, which was in her stall [illegible] struck him with [illegible]

TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET

Mrs. James C. Wilson visited Middletown on Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Hess has been quite sick for several weeks.

Miss Ella Goodley, of Dover, visited here on Wednesday.

Miss Desch will spend "Christmas" at her home in Leipsic.

Mrs. Walter Gill is spending several days among friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Winfield Lattomus served as a special juror in Wilmington Tuesday.

Mr. W. P. Wilson has been on the sick list. He is seemingly on the mend now.

Mrs. Harry Stradley is slowing improving and she is reported to be out of danger.

Miss Ella Maloney has arrived home from a delightful stay in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Lillie J. R. Pratt, of Clayton, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Emma Finley.

Mrs. T. Bayard Schwatka has returned from a delightful visit among relatives and friends at Cheswold.

Mrs. John D. Stradley and Mrs. Benjamin Hutchinson visited friends in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Wright, nee Naylor, has reached home again from a very pleasant trip to her friends at Smyrna.

Mrs. John T. Chadwick, Mrs. James Fields and Mrs. William Joiner, of Blackbird, visit here on Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Disch is home once more after having spent Saturday most enjoyably among her many friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Walter Gill one of our popular young business men, came home on Tuesday, after passing several days in Philadelphia.

We are glad to report that Mr. John D. Stradley is once more able to appear on the street, after having been confined to his room for many days.

At her residence today Mrs. William J. Daniels who has been quite ill for several days, it was said that she was much better, and that her early recovery was expected.

While chopping wood on Wednesday, Simon Abrams met with quite a painful accident, a stick of wood rebounded and as it went whirling through the air struck Mr. Abram in the face, cutting it in several places.

Among the greatest novelties shown for this Christmas season is the Kipo, being a cane and an umbrella in one. In clear weather it is a fashionable cane, in stormy weather, the carrier, simply draws the umbrella out of the cane and fastens it.

The people of this place are urging that the trolley line be extended from Delaware City to this locality. The plan is meeting with general approval and it is now believed that the road will soon extend from the former place to points south of Townsend.

Representative-elect Richard Hodgson, of this place, has repeatedly refused to talk on the subject as to whom he will support in the coming senatorial contest when the legislature convenes. As a matter of fact, he has been utterly reticent on all political matters ever since his election.

DELAWARE CITY

Mrs. Brewer spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

M. Clearwater, of Scranton, Pa., is a guest at the Manse.

Mrs. M. McConaughy is spending the winter in Philadelphia.

Miss Lizzie Pennington has returned from Philadelphia.

Dr. W. M. Ogle returned on Tuesday from Quarryville, Pa.

The Misses Hickey were among the Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Miss Margaret Janvier will remain at Miss M. Janvier's over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Swan were Tuesday visitors in Wilmington.

Miss Smith, of "Bound Brook," is the guest of Miss Emma Clark at "Greenlea."

Misses Nora and Alice, also Mrs. H. Yates, spent Tuesday shopping in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Craig were among the Christmas shoppers in Wilmington on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson will entertain his mother and sister, Miss Sue, on Christmas Day.

C. W. Pancoast is having a cellar heater put in his new house and contemplates other arrangements.

Miss Alice Vail is at home. She has been following her vocation as trained nurse in Philadelphia.

Miss May H. Bennett has accepted a position in the Medico Chirurgical Hospital in Philadelphia.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the public schools will be held on Monday in Assembly Hall.

Mrs. P. J. Mulligan and Miss M. Mulligan swelled the crowd of shoppers on Monday in the popular Wilmington stores.

Miss May Everengam will spend the Christmas Holidays at home. Miss Everengam is attending school at Burlington, N. J.

The usual Christmas treat will begiven the children of Christ Church Sunday school on Thursday, December 27th, in the parish house.

The choir of Christ Church is practising for the Christmas music. The organ has been put in order and a fine programme is anticipated.

Edward O'Neal has torn down the small house below the one in which he resides, and a side yard in place of it, adds very much to the appearance of his property.

ODESSA HAPPENINGS

Mr. Garret Ellis was in town last Sunday.

Miss Edith Stevens is home for the winter.

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis was a Wilmington visitor last Tuesday.

Mr. Charles K. Gibson came home Friday from Drew Seminary for the Holidays.

Miss Kathleen Higgins, of Orange, N. J., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Louise Corbit.

Mr. Eugene Davis, of Smyrna, spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Martha Davis.

Mrs. William Curtis, of Newark, was entertained by her mother, Mrs. D. W. Corbit, Wednesday.

Mrs. Carrie Appleton spent the latter part of this week in Philadelphia with her nephew, Mr. Joseph W. Brown.

Miss Nora Armstrong left Thursday for Philadelphia, where she will spend the Holidays with her friend, Miss Ethel Haines.

Mr. Joseph Enos returned from Lewes Tuesday accompanied by his son, Mr. Courtney Enos, who has been ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Mattie Evans entertained a number of young people Wednesday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Grace M. Vinyard, who was eighteen years old.

On Wednesday evening a number of members of the M. E. Church and congregation, called upon the Rev. Mr. Hurst, it being the anniversary of his birth. A very pleasant evening was spent, and best of all it was a complete surprise to him. He has recently been invited to return to this charge for the fifth year, which fully attests his popularity here.

OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Containing Best Wishes to all Business Associates in Middletown

Bragdon & Co

At this beautiful store there has been made very extensive improvements, and the new bulk windows recently put in on the West side attracts the attention of all visitors to our town. Mr. Bragdon has placed himself in the front ranks as a window decorator, he has excelled all of his previous decorations. His line of holiday goods is complete. The extension of their building some 25 feet has enabled them to greatly increase their stock of fine drugs and rare chemicals. They have added to their line, fine China, together with choice confections and cigars, stationary &c. No finer or better stock of goods can be found in any Pharmacy in this State.

Letherbury's

Is another place for substantials, of a very different kind though. His is a hardware, tin, and stove store, with all the up-to-date wrinkles in cooking utensils, agate, porcelain and steel ware, and if anybody thinks such things are too sordid and utilitarian for Christmas presents, listen to what the housewives say as they look, almost with envy, upon the porridge pots, steamers, saucepans, etc., and tell how they delight in nice "cooking things." A good stove and cookery-things are very important adjuncts to the Christmas cheer.

W. T. Connellee

For several years this gentleman has catered to the wants of the people in the grocery line, and the housewife has learned that his goods are worth one hundred cents on the dollar. His Christmas goods are equal to the best to be found in the town, and you should see them before buying.

Mrs. Virginia Massey

There is nothing so suitable for the Xmas gift as something in the Jewelry line. This store has this reputation of carrying a large line and of the first quality. To look in the pretty window is convincing that much care was taken in selecting the holiday goods, all of which are beautiful indeed.

J. F. McWhorter & Son

The agricultural business is not at its best at this season of the year, but there are many other things which this firm handles that would be very acceptable to the farmer as a Christmas gift. It is by winning the confidence of the people that this firm leads all competitors.

Middletown Hardware House

Mr. Wright is one of the most accommodating salesmen in our town and the line of goods to be found at this store are well worth the attention of buyers. The stock is large and the prompt method of doing business at this store is sure to win.

Jones & Bradley

This store has long been headquarters for Xmas goods, and judging from the large stock displayed this year, Messrs. Jones & Bradley are keeping up in most excellent style the good reputation of this old stand.

Joseph Berkman

Clothing is Mr. Berkman's leader, but he carries very many other lines for both men and women, and judging from the crowds that patronize his store these days, he has many things for the holiday shoppers.

Armstrong's Grocery

Mr. Armstrong is making for himself a reputation that is sure to win the confidence of his large trade, and your Christmas dinner will not be complete if you do not give him a call.

W. B. Kates

Kates' ice cream and oyster parlors are well patronized by those who have tasted of the quaility of his goods. He has a large assortment of confections and toys for the holiday trade.

S. Burstan

Call at S. Burstan's Corner Store and look at his mens fine Percale Shirts and Fancy Suspenders. Also a large line of ladies and men's fancy handkerchiefs at popular prices.

J. H. Burrows

Among the busy B's is Burrows. News is his first consideration but cigars, tobacco, pipes, &c., share in the trade.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 20, 1900.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—Please bring me a set of dishes, a little doll, a pink puff box and a trolley ticket to Odessa.

BESSIE MCCOY.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 22, 1900.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—Please bring me a big doll, little tin kitchen, little rocking chair and lots of candy and return trip ticket Atlantic City.

MARY MAXWELL.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 18, 1900.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:—I am a nice little girl of seven years old, and I want you to please bring me a little go-cart, a set of dishes and a big story book, and some nuts, candy and oranges. From your loving little girl.

IDA M. JONES.

DELAWARE CITY, Dec. 17, 1900.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—I thought I would write and ask you to please bring me a pair of gum boots No. 9, an express wagon, some candy, nuts and oranges. That is all. From a good little boy.

GEORGIE HUSFIELT.

P. S.—Mr. Jones & Bradley please give this to Santa Clause.

DELAWARE CITY, Dec. 17, 1900.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—Will you please bring me a pair of skates No. 7, a drawing book, some candy, nuts and oranges that is all. So please don't forget.

From your little friend,

JERRY HUSFIELT.

P. S.—Mr. Jones & Bradley, please give this to Old Kris.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 14, 1900.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:—I thought I would write to you as it is near X-mas and tell you that I want a few things. Apples, oranges, some candy, nuts and a doll baby. Santa Claus don't forget my sisters, Della and Elsie. And I want a little tree. I guess I will close.

Good-bye, your Friend,

ANNA WARREN.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 17, 1900.

DEAR OLD KRIS:—I am 5 years old, and I have been a good little boy this year, and will you please bring me a slide horn, a drum and a pretty tree. O yes, dear old fellow, I liked to for got little sister, she wants a gum baby and rattle. I still remain your little fellow.

HOLMES BURKE.

MIDDLETOWN, Dec. 21, 1900.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:—I am a good little boy and I want you to bring me a X-mas tree, a hook and ladder wagon, a fire-horn, and a fuzzy sheep. Please don't forget my little brother. He wants a gum baby and a horn, and bring us lots of candy and nuts.

Your little friend,

JIMMIE WALKER.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

A Merry Christmas to all.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gin[illegible] tives in town on Thurs[illegible]

Miss Susie Wilson [illegible] idays at her home in [illegible]

Miss Nora Finley [illegible] days with her pa[illegible]

A Christma[illegible] here on the [illegible] 1900.

All co[illegible] *New*[illegible] be t[illegible]

PORT PENN WAVES

Mrs. Frank Wright spent Tuesday in Middletown.

Mrs. John Wollen is spending the week in Wilmington.

Mr. George H. Webb spent part of Tuesday in Odessa.

Mr. George Castelow will remove his family to Bristol, Pa.

Mr. A. Vandegrift and two Daughters, spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Misses Katie and Bessie Evans are being entertained by Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. Alfred Bendler and Mrs. Samuel Bendler spent Saturday with Wilmington relatives.

Mrs. William A. McCrone and children spent Tuesday in Wilmington, Christmas shopping.

Misses Ida Collins, Daisy Yearsley and Ollie Conard spent a day in Wilmington his week.

Mr. William Campbell, of the Silver Run Road, lost a horse on Tuesday night valued at $200.

Mrs. Harry Haas, of West Chester, Pa., spent a few days last week with J. M. Evans and family.

Messrs. William Moore and Jack Zachies made a flying visit to Philadelphia last week.

Every body is invited to Kumpel's free exhibition on Xmas Eve. Prof. C. C. Conard will be in charge.

Mr. John Dolbow met with quite a painful accident last Saturday, by getting his limb mashed between a boat and boat house.

John N. Carswell, teller of the Farmer's Bank, Wilmington, and T. B. Engle, of Highstown, New Jersey, were the guests of Robert S. Carpenter on Sunday.

A. Kumpel contemplates putting in a hot air engine in the early spring with attachments to run a machine for making ice and a cold storage plant, grist mill and broom machine.

GO TO H. C. DeVALINGER'S

To buy CANDIES, NUTS, RAISINS, CURRANTS and FRUITS of all kinds for Christmas and be pleased in the Price and Quality. Cheaper than elsewhere.

MIXTURES from 5c to 8c, 10c, 12½c and the BEST at 15c per lb.

Good Mince Meat, 4 lbs 25c

Good Flour 23c. a bag. Good Prunes, 5c. lb

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H. C. DeValinger,

MIDDLETOWN, - - DELAWARE.

Christmas is coming!

ARE YOU PREPARED for IT?

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LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FINE CHOCOLATES AT 25c

These Candies cannot be bought in this town at this very low figure.

Mixtures, from 10 to 40c

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FRESH BREAD, PIES, CAKES and DOUGHNUTS Daily.

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Mrs. THOMAS MASSEY, DEALER IN

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AND VARIOUS ARTICLES IN GOLD AND SILVER FOR WEDDING AND BIRTHDAY GIFTS.

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Mrs. Thomas Massey,

Main Street, Middletown, Del.

This is to Certify to All to Whom These Presents Shall Come,

THAT we, Robert S. Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining, underand by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the first day of December, A. D., one thousand nine hundred, and is to end on the thirtieth day of November, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and one.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto to set our Hands and Seals at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this Twenty Sixth day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred.

ROBT. S. BAIRD, [Seal.]
JAMES C. McCOMB, [Seal.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of LEWIS SASSE.

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
New Castle County.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this Twenty Sixth day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle County and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seal],
Justice of the Peace.

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The eighth annual special course of instruction in Agricultural and Horticultural subject at

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will begin Wednesday, January 2d, 1901, and continue twelve weeks.

DR. GEO. A. HARTER,
NEWARK, DEL

Catalogue describing the other two Agricultural courses of the College will be sent upon request.

JOS. M. ARMSTRONG,
AUCTIONEER.

Special attention given to calling Public Sales, Auctions, etc.

JOS. M ARMSTRONG,
Odessa, Del.

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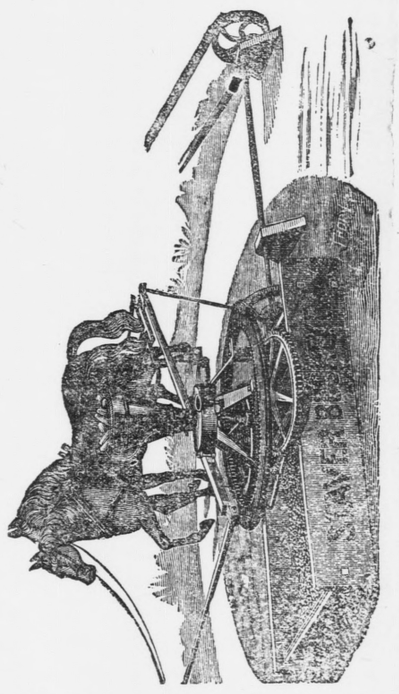

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I wish to say to every one that contemplates taking Insurance that it would be wise for them to see what the

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has to offer before placing it elsewhere.

Would it not be an act of prudence to request the HOME LIFE to take the risk rather than to compel your family to assume it?

Send name and date of birth for full particulars and sample policy to

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call and see my stock. I aim to keep a large stock of everything in my line always on hand and would be pleased to have you call and examine the same.

W. S. LETHERBURY,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7., 9.20 and 10.23 a. m., 4.16 and 6.02 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 41 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.54, 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Closes Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. , 10.05 a. m., 3.55 and 5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a.., 5.10 p. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a.., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m
For Warwick, Cecil, Earlville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEDECEMBER 22, 190

LocalNews.

Go to Jones & Edley for fresh bread.

Paper Shell Almds 23c. per lb. at DeValinger's.

Good Mince Meat, 4 lbs. for 25 cents at DeValinger'

WANTED—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

Don't forget the funny comedy "Three Hats", at the Opera House Christmas night.

DR. W. E. BEARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

W. T. Connellee's ad. in another column will interest you, and his goods are always fresh.

Go to Webb's Bakery for fruit cake, lady cake, pound cake, doughnuts, figs and confections.

The attention of our readers is called to the ad. of the Cantwill Mutual Insurance Company this issue.,

Before you purchase your Christmas goods, read the ad. of H. C. DeValinger in another colmn of this issue.

Go J. H. Brows for Musical Instruments of all kinds. Anything not in stock will be ordered on shortest possible notice.

The time-table of the Steamer Clio has been slightly changed for Christmas week. See the ad. in another column of this issue.

Stop! Take your Laundry to J. H. Burrows and you will get it done right. Agent for the I. X. L. and Nonpareil Laundries. High Gloss or Domestic Finish.

Z. T. Brady & Son have contracted with the insurance company to repair the dwelling of Jos C. Jolls on North Broad street damaged by fire Tuesday morning.

WANTED—A practical farmer would like to have a good farm on thirds or to carry on, or would rent and stock a small farm Best of reference, N. W. G., TRANSCRIPT office.

Mr. Edward Reynolds representing the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Chester Co., Pa., has paid to Mrs. Harriet Houston and Mr. Henry Crow $700, for losses on their wheby fire in October last.

Mrs. Thomas Massey has just received a very beautiful display of up-to-date jewelry, suitable for wedding and X-mas gifts, consisting of Cut Glass, Plated Ware, Novels, Watches, Clocks, Etc.

PUBLIC SALE—Mrs. S. A. Crossland will sell at public sale at her residence, East Main street, on Saturday, December 22d, at 1 o'clock, P. M., her entire Household and Kitchen Furniture. Terms Cash.

If you bought your confections of Paul Weber last Christmas you will remember he had the best in town. His stock for the holidays is much larger than formerly and his prices are always right. Give him a call before you buy.

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Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 22d 1900: Ladies—Mrs. Julia J. Bowers, Miss Josephine Crossland. Gentlemen—James Davis, T. H. Davis, Benjamin Harris, A. J. Williams.

Christmas services will be held in the Forest Presbyterian Church on next Sunday. The subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's morning sermon will be "The Comfort of the Incarnation," and the theme of the evening sermon will be "The Purpose of the Incarnation." The choir will render special Christmas music at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Some miscreant, who was attracted by the pretty things in S. Burstan's window facing the corner Wednesday night, threw a brick at the plate glass and made a hole so that a man's hand could pass freely in and out. Several articles were taken. Squire Reynolds has a description of articles stolen, by which he will try and trace the thief.

Mr. John T. Bailey, agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, under Asst. Superintendent C. Holt, recieved this week a handsome umbrella and a cheque from the Company in recognition of the record he has made for the weeks of September 3, to November 26. We congratulate Mr. Bailey on his success as an agent, having been in the business only seven months.

Those who appear to know say that the Horticultural meeting to be held here January 9, 10, 11, promises to be the best in the history of the Society up to this time. The program is excellent and the newspapers are giving it generous space, and in addition nearly a thousand copies have been printed and mailed to farmers. Nearly every man within ten or fifteen miles of Middletown has received one, and by the way, should bring it along with him for reference when he attends the meeting.

At the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, Christmas Day exercises will be held on next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. E. W. Caswell, the pastor, will preach sermons appropriate to the occasion. The choir will be assisted by Mr. Samuel Price. The musical selections will be as follows: A Christmas Hallelujah; Those Holy Voices; Sing, O Daughter of Zion; Jesus, My Saviour; Hark! What mean those holy voices; Joy to the world; the Lord is come; Hark! the herald angels sing; Star of Bethlehem; Good tidings of great joy, and Christmas Anthem. Christmas services will also be observed in the Sunday School and Epworth League. As this is the closing Christmas service of the century, all interested in the glorious mission of our Lord should make special effort to be present and assist in the memoration of the greatest event in the History of mankind.

WANTED.—Fresh eggs at Armstrong's for cash.

Best English Walnuts 17c. per lb. at DeValinger's.

Mixtures, 5,8,10 and 12½ cents, and the best at 16 cents at DeValinger's.

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Buy your Candies, Nuts, Raisins, Currants and Fruits of all kinds at DeValinger's.

To FARMERS.—Cash paid for eggs a Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

Mr. A. P. Corbit advertises some very fine Plymouth Rock chickens for sale in this issue.

What would make a better X-mas gift than a nice Bicycle? Burrows has them. Next door to the Express Office.

WANTED—A farm to carry on by a practical man. Can give the best of reference. Have worked on the farm all my life, small family. T. G., this office.

Broom Factory is working and turning out excellent work. Bring along your corn. Brooms wholesale and retail.

H. INGRAM, Middletown, Del.

Before you buy your Xmas gifts call on Miss Emma Ingram. A line of groceries always on hand. We also have a fine assortment of ladies and Misses trimmed hats.

Welcome Conclave, No. 25, I. O. H. elected the following Officers at a meeting held last Friday evening. Past Archon, P. L. McWhorter; Archon, John E. Ginn; Provost, M. N. Willits; Prelate, J. F. McWhorter; Secretary, Jos. C. Jolls; Financier, Edward Reynolds; Treasurer Jos. C. Parker; Inspector, Jacob K. Long, Warden, Edward S. Jones; Sentinel, Frederick Blome; Trustees, M. N. Willits, J. K. Long, P. L. McWhorter; Representative to Supreme Conclave, J. F. McWhorter; Alternate, J. C. Parker. The officers will be installed at an early date in January, and at that meeting instructions to the representative will be voted. As at the meeting of the Supreme Conclave in Boston in June 1901, action will be had on the proposition to increase the rates sufficiently to create a reserve fund.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Jennie Jones spent Sunday in Dover.

Mrs. John W. Webb spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Miss Mary F. Holten was a Monday visitor in Wilmington.

Mr. Leon DeValinger, of Wilmington, is home for the Holidays.

Mr. Joseph C. Jolls and son, were Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Harry C. Ellison, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving.

Dr. V. G. Messick, of Philadelphia, is spending the Holidays with his parents.

Mrs. H. C. DeValinger and son, Harry, are spending several days in Wilmington.

Miss Laura Cochran, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Connellee.

Mrs. L. Leman, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan.

Cuthburt Peverley, of St. Lukes, Pa., is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. Frank West and daughter, Miss Carrie, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. John S. Crouch.

Mrs. Robert Nowland, of Philadelphia, spent Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Letherbury.

Miss Ida Murr, of Lancarter, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Dare, on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cochran, of New York, spent several days with R. W. Cochran and family this week.

William Collins who has been visiting Browns Mills, New Jersey, has returned, very much improved in health.

Miss Ethel Burrows and Miss Clark, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. J. Wright Burrows Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gears and son, Harry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace McDaniel, in Wilmington, last Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Holten left yesterday morning for Georgetown where she was called to the sick bed of her sister, who is critically ill.

BENDLER—CROSSLAND

The marriage of Mr. John B. Bendler one of our successful farmers to Mrs. Sarah A. Crossland was solemnized at the bride's residence on East Main street Wednesday evening, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. At an early hour the house was crowded by many interested ones from neighboring towns, Wilmington, Smyrna, and when their town friends assembled, the large house was filled to overflowing.

Precisely at 8.30 the bridal party entered the parlor, to the wedding march from Lohengrin, charmingly rendered by Miss Rhoads, of Odessa. Encircled by their loved ones and friends the bride and groom elect were met by the Rev. Dr. Caswell, who touchingly performed the ceremony which made them man and wife.

The bride was very becomingly attired in steel lansdowne, with gloves to match.

After congratulations had been extended, the guests were invited to the dining room where a bountiful repast was spread.

The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bendler will reside on the "Redding Farm," about two miles south-west of town.

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE

At 3.30 A. M., on Tuesday, December 18th, 1900, fire was discovered in the new part of the residence of Jos. C. Jolls, corner of Broad and Lockwood streets. The discovery was made by Mr. Jolls and by his son who were aroused by the smoke. The fire originated in the library and was probably caused by a slight defect in the flue from the fire place, as this was the only fire in that part of the house. The family all were aroused and the children were taken care of by the neighbors, although, thanks to the fact that there was no wind, there never was any danger of loss of life. The alarm was given at the electric light station by Miss Anna McColgan and the sounding of the whistle soon summoned the Volunteer Hose Company to the scene. Although hampered by a lot of defective hose and by inability to open the plug in front of the Clayton property, the firemen soon had the flames under control. The property and furniture were insured in the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Co. and Messrs. Cleaver and Winslow of the Company were in town on Thursday and adjusted the loss, which amounted to about $125. Mr. Jolls received a check for the amount of damages on Friday and expresses himself as being pleased at the prompt action of the Insurance Company. Repairs will be made at once.

DROWNED AT SILVER LAKE

How true it is that death is no respector of person! The sad news of the drowning of one of our brightest and much beloved boys, Maurice Bratton, spread through the town Monday evening, and cast a shadow of sorrow in the hearts of all who knew him, and the writer could only make a feeble attempt to describe the sympathy expressed for Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bratton, the parents of the unfortunate youth.

In company with a large number of his companions, he had gone to Silver Lake after school hours, where skating was indulged in for more than an hour before the sad accident occurred.

Unfortunately the boys were too venturesome, and got on the ice opposite "Willits' Point," a place where severe weather is required to close the pond for skating. Warren Ellicott and Maurice Bratton were leading the other boys and got into an air-hole where the water was not less than sixteen feet deep. By quickly stepping, or by circling around, all the boys escaped but the two named. The boys in the water made every effort they could toget on the firmice, but it broke with their weight at each attempt. Their young companions could not reach them, but one of them skated off to the mill for a rope, while the others tried by encouraging words to stimulate the almost exhausted boy to hold out until help arrived. But his strength failed and he sank out of sight. His struggles in the water were witnessed by several of his companions, but they could not render him assistance.

Ellicott, managed to pull himself out and in a dazed and almost frozen state, was taken to the residence of Mr. James H. Smith, where he received the best of attention by Mrs. Smith, who later brought him to his home, to Mrs. Virginia Massey's, at this time he looked none the worse from his trying experience.

The body was recovered at 8.45 o'clock, two boats being in the hotel at the time, one was manned by Messrs. Geo. V. Peverley and Dr. C. C. Green; the other by Norman Crouch, W. B. Kates and Harry Hall. Their efforts were soon rewarded, the spot being located by finding his cap on the edge of the hole. Several times the body was struck by the grappling men, until Mr. Peverley got a firm hold, and Maurie was drawn aboard the boat. The remains were brought to his parent's residence and the Coroner notified. The coroner authorized Squire Reynolds to hold an inquest, which was done on Tuesday morning. The jury was as follows: W. B. Biggs, foreman; Cyrus Tatman, W. L. Tatman, W.F. Shallcross, James Montgomery, R. L. Naudain, W. H. Johnson and P. L. McWhorter. The jury heard the testimony of a number of persons, and rendered a verdict of accidental drowning.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon, services being held at his parents residence at 2 o'clock, interment at Forest Cemetery, Dr. E. W. Caswell, officiating. The pall-bearers were six of his associates, Warren Ellicott, Edgar Rowe, Jay Parker, Sydney Peverley, Jessie Willits and Clarence Donovan.

The funeral was a very large one and the remarks of Dr. Caswell were impressive and appropriate.

The floral tributes were numerous and handsome.

Dr. Caswell's remarks are given in full below.

Memorial Address at the funeral of Maurice K. Bratton
BY REV. E. W. CASWELL

"Leaves have their time to fall
And flowers to wither, at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh, Death."

We are standing to day under the shadow of the pall of death. In such an hour as this, human language seems useless of utterance.

The well of our sorrow is so deep, we have nothing to draw with to give it expression. These are hours when the soul is dumb, appalled by the awful suddenness of the blow, dazed by the terrible announcement of death in the midst of life; hours when the stricken one seems to live a lifetime, hours of suspense, of sacred agony!

Every true heart in Middletown shuddered with trembling and throbbed with sympathy, when, like a lightning's flash, the news spread from person to person, from home to home, "One of our noblest boys, in a moment's time, has passed into the life beyond forever." But all the tender emotion, all the loving sympathy, could not unlock the gates of death and bring back the priceless treasure of the beloved one.

Truly the bereaved, the broken hearts must walk the valley alone, only Jesus is able to make light shine through the night of death.

The old truism, "Death loves a shining mark" is again verified. One of the brightest and best of the youth of Middletown has been taken away, one who had a fine promise of a long and useful life, whose mind was as keen as the heart was kind. Young, beautiful and joyous, to see whose face was to behold a smile, whose voice brought only gladness, whose footstep had the sound of healthful pleasure, whose countenance beamed with hope.

He had only friends, and those who knew him best loved him most. Eyes unused to tears will weep to-day. Stout hearts will tremble, for they will not see again on earth the brightness of his coming and going upon our streets. The playful smile will not greet us until we meet in the life Eternal. Our Sunday School, in which he took such a deep interest, is deeply bereft. We come to lay a little chaplet of flowers upon his silent form, and in the inner shrine of our hearts, we inscribe upon a tablet more beautiful and enduring than marble, the words, "Sacred to the memory of Maurice—we loved him." In the springtime, we will plant flowers among the grasses that hide away his loving form, and keep fresh in our memories the holy association of his life with ours.

We cannot explain to these broken, bleeding hearts in this now desolate household, why our Father permitted this awful blow. The great hereafter will reveal the lesson designed to be taught our stricken spirits.

"And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath
Is not the sweetest gift God sends His friends,
And that sometimes the sable pall of death
Conceals the faire t boon His love can send.
If we could push a jar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all Gods working see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife
And for each mystery could find a key.
"ut not to-day. Then be content, poor heart;
God's plans, like lillies, pure and white unfold.
We must not tear the close shut leaves apart:
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we will say, "God knew the best.'"

What all devoted parents desire in their children is goodness, advancement, honor, usefullness and a successful career. When that young life goes out like the sun setting in the morning, loss and failure seems written over our hopes. But life has a heavenward as well as an earthward side; an eternal as well as a momentary existence. If our eyes were opened to-day, we would see that it is only the bodily form that is sleeping. The beautiful, youthful personality has received greater advancement, honor and glory, than earth can ever give. He is lifted out of a thousand dangers which assail us here and placed securely among the thrones and honors, joys and triumphs of an unchanging being.

If the President of the United States should send for your boy, inviting him to become a member of his family at the White House, you would consider it a great honor, and joyously send him forth. Your home would not be desolate while he was gone, for the light of his glory would illuminate all the house hold with gladness. When Jesus, the King of Kings, from the White City of God, sends messengers inviting your loved child to come and live in His presence, where are pleasures and honors and joys beyond all conception of earthly minds, should not the glory of such a promotion shine back upon our vacant chairs, our lonely hearts, making life more beautiful as the setting sun purples the mountains? Sometime your dear eyes, suffused with tears, will see that God came to you in mercy—not in judgment. He doth not willingly chide. His love shines through this deepest darkness, and even now you can say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." Do you not begin to see that our Father has taken your darling boy out of darkness into light, out of earth into heaven, out of danger into safety,—out of limitations into the illimitable beauties of His wide universe. Will you not submissively yield to His call, trusting that "He doeth all things well"? He hath laid His hands upon you in the solemn ordination of bereavement. He hath given you the annointing of grief and placed upon your heads the crown of sorrow.

In the light of the glorious morning, you will see beauty for ashes, glory for gloom, a starry crown more beautiful for its thorns of pain. One day you will utter thanksgiving in the place of sighs and tears. Now, all you can do is to trust Him. He is your Father, Who says, "Whom I love, I chasten." He cannot wipe away the scalding tears now. Sorrow has its sacred mission, Hear the voice of the divine Father, saying "Wait, my child. Only trust me. I built the worlds for thee. I care for the birds and flowers—how much more for thee. Don't rebel against me, Believe in my love, in my might, in my wisdom. Rest in my promises, in my providential care. I have not robbed you of your treasure. I have made your child yours forever, in the home of immortal youth, of imperishable beauty. He is with Me only a little before your coming, and he is near you now—nearer than you think, only your dull eyes cannot see him. Your ears are not adjusted to the celestial voices, or you would hear him speaking and singing, in the richer strains of immortals."

Maurice will ever be before you as a beautiful vision, he will never change, never grow old. He will have before your gaze the same beautiful face, the same young thoughtful look, the same cheery voice ever calling you, the same boyish hands ever beckoning you, beautiful beckoning hands. True he is beyond your sight, but the vision of his going, of his unseen life, of his waiting for you, of his looking this way, of his calling you upward, homeward, will never leave you. Sometimes "But thinly the veil intervenes" it is a bright vision, because it is real and will be fully visible "When the Mists have rolled away." Looking at this vision of the home of the beautiful makes us lovelier, more beautiful. Love makes like and the gaze of love makes us like Him who will some day send.

Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night,

Then we will join loved ones where shadows flee away, before the glory of that eternal morning.

What is the lesson of this hour to this wide circle of friends? Is it not, that, as we gaze for the tast time upon his peacefully, apparently sleeping features, we may all resolve that our lives may be more hidden with Christ in God, that when we come to go this way, we may go with joyful faces to meet our Father, and to find each other in the Home of the Soul? Let us wash our robes a new in His all cleansing blood. that we may walk with those in white, where storms never come, where troublous billows never roll; where friendship and fellowships are unbroken and unending as eternal years.

Till then, let us exclaim with the poet.

"I cannot say, and I will not say,
That he is dead. He is just away!
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand
He has wondered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return—
Think of him fating on, an dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say;
He is not dead—he is just away;

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend to the many good people of Middletown our sincerest thanks for the many acts of kindness extended us during the hours of our sad bereavement. To those who so generously volunteered to assist in looking for the body of our unfortunate son, we cannot express the extent of our gratitude. None but those who have been so unfortunate as ourselves can ever know just what comfort is derived from words so tenderly spoken and assistance so generously given and we wish to say to all that we are very grateful for their kind treatment.

Sincerely yours,
MR. AND MRS. J. B. BRATTON.

NOTICE!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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At which time Seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of Five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid. The Directors have declared a DIVIDEND OF EIGHT (8) PER CENT. out of the Surplus Fund on all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 7th, 1901. Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 1 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

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My dear children, our lesson to-day is about the birth of the Holy Child Jesus. Nearly nineteen hundred years ago, near the village of Bethlehem while some shepherds were watching their flocks on a cold frosty night, suddenly a wonderful light shone above them; so dazzling that the shepherds were greatly frightened. And while they gazed in amazement at the strange sight, myriads of bright angel faces emerged from the cloud of glory, and approaching nearer to the shepherds, one of the angels in a gentle voice addressed the shepherds, exclaiming: "Fear not; for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Immediately, all the multitude of the Heavenly host began to sing—we know only a part of the wonderful song, only just two lines—

"Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth, peace, good-will towards men."

I cannot tell you who the singers were, but, no doubt, many were in the company who prophesied about the coming of the Saviour, such as Jacob, Moses, Elijah, David, Daniel and Isaiah. If we had been in Heaven at that time don't you think we would have been glad to have helped sing that first Christmas song and to have listened to the first Christmas sermon from the angel?

As soon all the angels and the Heavenly host arose in the cloud of glory and ascended back to Heaven, the astonished shepherds, filled with wonder and awe and the hope of seeing the Infant Jesus, left their flocks and climbed up the rocky sides of the hill between them and Bethlehem. Passing through the town, they came to the inn and found that the [illegible] was crowded out into a man- [illegible] among the cows and sheep and horses, their eyes fell upon the [illegible]iful face of the Holy Child Jesus. [illegible]gladdened shepherds told Mary [illegible]seph all about the Heavenly com- [illegible]ho had visited them, and the par- Jesus were cheered by the thought [illegible]ey had another evidence that their [illegible]abe was no less than the Son of

Wilson, one of the bright boys class, was deeply interested in the and ready with a question. "Speak said. "Do you think the shep- understood who the little child was "" "Not fully," I replied. "They only looking for a Redeemer to save as a nation, to break off the Ro- yoke and place the promised Mes upon the throne of the Jewish and thus bring back the glory of the of Solomon. The shepherds little ght that those tiny feet would one day on the waves of the sea of Galilee at those little fingers would touch l eyes into sight and heal all diseases, hat that infant voice would one day speak the dead to life; and still less did they think that cruel nails would one day pierce those tender hands and feet upon the cross, and that this little Babe would die to save the world.

A little hand was now lifted and I knew another question was coming. "What is it, my dear?" The voice of Florence Pelton spoke: I think it would have been nicer if Jesus had been born in a palace rather than in a manger among the ugly beasts."

It may seem so to you at first, my dear children, but you must remember that Jesus did not come into this world to enjoy Himself; He could have been much happier among the angels and Heavenly inhabitants where He was worshipped as the One altogether lovely. But Jesus was willing to leave Heaven and come down to this world to suffer and die to save us, His lost children. Coming from the highest throne, He wanted to take the lowest manger so that no poor child would ever open its eyes on a more lowly spot than the Infant Jesus occupied, and all the poor children would know that Jesus was one just like them, and then they would not be afraid to run to Him and clamber upon his knees that He might bless them. If our Lord had been born in a royal mansion, the shepherds never would have seen Him, but there were no locks or bars or doors to shut them out of Bethlehem's stable.

Yes, Jesus's birth was lowly, like His whole life. When a boy, He was the son of a poor working man; as a youth, He was a carpenter; when a man, He had no home; when others went to their homes, He often went to the mountains. He had not where to lay His head, unless Mary at Bethany, or John or some kind friend invited Him. Once, when He wanted money for tribute, He sent Peter to catch a fish that had silver in its mouth. Our blessed Master who made the world was a homeless wanderer; He was rocked in a borrowed cradle and buried in a borrowed grave. No little, lonely waif in a rickety garret was ever poorer than Jesus. Aren't you glad that Jesus did not come as a great, proud king, but as a meek and lowly Saviour, so that whosoever will, the poorest child in the Sunday School, yes, everybody, may come to him and love him and be saved?

Let me ask the entire class this question: "Why did Jesus come into the world a little babe instead of a grown man like our first parents, Adam and Eve?" I see Mary Beaumont's hand is raised. What is it, Mary? "So that everybody would think more of children afterwards." Very good! Listen! Howard Eaton has an answer. "I think Jesus wanted to grow up a little boy and know all about how hard it is to study and be good and mind his mother." That's splendid. Now another. Lincoln Hollister has a reply. "Jesus was a baby before He was a man so the children would all love Him better." "Curtis Wade wishes to express a reason. "So that everybody might have presents on Christmas Day."

Yes, the Infant of Bethlehem has a special mission—to glorify childhood. And all the world comes nearer to the Saviour by seeing Him in the manger, a weak, helpless, smiling, Holy Child. Ah, how wonderful it is that the great God should become a little child to reconcile the world unto Himself. Shall not the Babe of Bethlehem melt our hearts into love for our Heavenly Father?

Ah! I see Anna Winton has a question. We will have time to answer one more question before closing. What is it Anna? "Is it right to pray to Jesus as a little child or as a grown-up Saviour?"

We are not to pray to Jesus as a babe, for there is no such being now, though we are to think of His childhood as a delightful memory. Jesus was not a Saviour until He cried on the cross: "It is finished." And we think of Him, when we pray to Him, as being in Heaven as He ascended from Olivet, in the full glory of His manhood with the scars of the Crucifixion still marking His glorious person.

I know the old Masters painted more pictures of Mary and the divine Child than they did of Christ dying, rising and reigning in the full glory of his manhood. Don't you think we ought to exalt the wonderful work of Jesus as a dying Saviour and as a risen Saviour rather than the incident of His Child life which only served to bring Him nearer our humanity? I believe you do. Well, has any one in the class another thought relating to the beautiful lesson? Yes, there is the hand of Fannie Buell. "Why was there no room for the holy family in the inn at Bethlehem?"

I will try to tell you. Augustus, the Roman Emperor, had ordered a census taken of all the Jewish people so that they might be taxed, and each family must go to the town where they belonged Mary and Joseph, having a long journey, arrived late in the evening. The inn or hotel which was provided in every village was full of people; therefore the Child Jesus was born in a manger.

I have no doubt that if Joseph and Mary had not been poor they would have crowded the guests a little and made room for them. Or, if the keeper of that hotel had known that God was to be born a little babe that night, the best room in the building would have been given them, or if the people who lived in the town of Bethlehem had known what the angels knew, who appeared to the shepherds, every home would have been thrown open to the holy family. When the Prince of Wales came to this land many years ago, all the rich people of all the great cities made room for him. Multitudes shouted his praises and did him honor, because he was the queen's son and heir to the English throne. So would they have done to Jesus, the Prince of Heaven, if they had known Him. He was the Son of the King of the universe and Heir to all the glory of Heaven.

Just so it is to-day. If all the children and all the people knew what a wonderful Saviour Jesus is, every heart would be open to receive Him; every home would give Him room, all would shout His welcome and the whole earth would be redeemed. My dear children, have you all opened the door of your hearts to Jesus and let the Saviour come in? I fear not. Are your hearts so full of other things that you too have crowded Jesus out? He is knocking at the door. O! Won't you let Him come in? If you will, He will wash away your sins, drive out all your little cares and troubles, and your heart will become a Bethlehem where Jesus is born a little Heaven of love, for the Master always brings Heaven with Him. I almost know you will! Yes, thank God, there is a hand raised. Let Clara Whitney tell what is in her thought. "He may be born in my heart. I will make room for Jesus, because He has gone to make room for me in Heaven and because He has made room in Heaven for my little sister, and because Jesus loved me so and died for me." Praise the Lord, Clara! The gentle Jesus is coming now into your soul. I can see the light shining through the eye windows and gleaming on your face. Let us now rise and sing:

"My heart is made a manger for the coming of the Lord;
He's sweetly born within me, whom the Heavenly hosts adored.
The morning star above me now bids the darkness cease
The angel choirs are hailing my glorious Prince of Peace."

LULLABY THE FROST QUEEN

What a cold night it was! The bright stars and large, round moon glistened and shone through the frosty air. The moonlight sparkled upon the crisp, white snow that lay all over the housetops, and crept softly in at little Annette's window, kissing her closed eyelids and lighting up every corner of the miserable garret.

Little Annette shivered under the ragged quilt and turned restlessly from side to side. At last she opened her eyes and sat up and listened, for through the chinks of the rattling window came floating soft, sweet strains of music. It was Christmas Eve, and in the next street some children were dancing to the sound of piano and violin.

Annette sat very still until the music died away. Suddenly the great clock on the church at the corner of the street struck twelve, and all the children clapped their hands and shouted to one another, joyously:

"Merry Christmas!
Merry Chistmas!"

"There is no one to wish *me* 'Merry Christmas' now," murmured Annette, sadly, while a large tear rolled slowly over her cheek.

"Since mamma died, even Santa Claus has quite forgotton me," she added, as she brushed the tear away.

The music in the next street began again. Annette could not lie still, so she slipped out of bed, and wrapping the old quilt around her, opened the window and peeped out. But she could see nothing; the sloping roof extended too far.

"I would not feel so lonesome if I could see them," whispered Annette.

Presently she climbed up upon the window-sill, but still she could see nothing of the happy children; so she stepped out upon the roof, and creeping to the very edge, looked down. The houses were separated by only two short city yards. The long window-shutters on the lower floor of the opposite house were wide open, and the warm, bright light streamed out into the cold night.

"I see them now," whispered Annette, softly. "How lovely! What pretty dresses! Now they are dancing. How sweet! How happy they are!" She bent far over the roof and watched them.

It was very, very cold out there. The wind stung Annette's hands and face, and nipped her poor little bare feet; but she drew the quilt closer about her and did not stir.

On the next floor above the dancers, a woman with a white cap on her head sat by a cradle covered with lace and ribbons, and rocked it to and fro. The soft light from a wax candle in a tall candlestick fell upon a little red stocking which hung on the mantlepiece beside three longer stockings.

"Santa Claus will not forget *them*," thought Annette, as her eyes wandered from the room to the snow-covered roofs before her. "Perhaps I may see him come across the houses with his sledge and six reindeer, if I sit very still."

Colder and colder blew the wind, and higher and higher rose the moon. The children still kept on dancing, and the music floated out of the window and throbbed right through Annette's head. Upstairs the woman nodded and rocked the cradle with one foot, but no Santa Claus came.

Annette's eyes grew heavy but she tried to hold them open. She was not cold any more, but only very tired. She leaned her head upon her hand and shut her eyes, and listened to the "pat! pat!" of the children's feet keeping time to the music, and it seemed as though they were dancing over the snow close by her. By and by the pattering feet were quiet, and the music of the piano and violin seemed to change into a sweet voice singing these words close to Annett's ear:

"Winter stars their watch are keeping,
Leaning from their cars of gold,
And the broad, white moon is sleeping
On a thousand snow-banks cold.
"Hark! The Christmas bells are ringing
Through the midnight, sweet and clear;
And the holy ones are singing,
Though unheard by mortal ear.
"In this lone and sacred hour,
Ere the daybreak gleams above,
The spirits of the snow have power
To bless the little ones they love.
"Then little orphan maid forsaken,
Dreaming in the bitter air,
Waken! Waken! Waken! Waken!
Thou shalt be the fairies' care."

Annette scarcely breathed until the song was finished; then she opened her eyes and looked around. Oh! how astonished she was! for standing between her and the opposite house, right in the air, with the moonlight streaming all about her, was a beautiful little creature robed in sparkling white garments from head to foot. Long, silvery hair hung around her shoulders and floated upward toward the sky. Upon her forehead glistened a wreath of snow-crystals, and in one hand she carried a long, silver wand, upon which burned a great white star. This wonderful little being bent forward, and holding out one hand looked into Annette's face with a pair of large, glittering eyes.

"Who are you?" whispered Annette, drawing back in astonishment.

"I am Lullaby, the frost queen," answered the beautiful spirit, "I love little children. I love you. Will you come with me? I will clasp you in my arms so close, so close, that you shall never feel the cold again; and we will fly to my crystal kingdom beyond the stars, and be happy forevermore, and dance and sing from morn till night. No one ever feels sad in my home. Will you come, Annette?"

Annette stretched out her arms toward Lullaby; but the frost queen slowly faded into the moonlight, and again Annette saw the opposite house, and again she heard the "pat! pat!" of feet, and the rising and falling of the music. She shivered and rubbed her eyes, then she began to cry.

But presently Annette forgot the cold, and the tears dried on her eyelashes; for she saw in the room where the woman still slept a rosy face peep from between the lace of the cradle, then a dimpled hand stretched out and snatched the long, waxen candle, and the woman did not move. The flame from the candle caught the hanging lace over the little one's head and crept around the blue ribbons, crawling in and out like fireay snake; and still the woman slept.

Annette sprang to her feet with a cry.

"Wake up!" she screamed again and again; but the music and dancing feet drowned her voice, and the woman did not sir.

Suddenly a large piece of hardened snow crumbled from the window-sill of Annette's room and sliding down the sloping roof struck sharply against Annette's naked feet. She stopped and snatched the fragment of ice from the glittering snow, then, with all her strength, she hurled it against the opposite window. Breaking the glass to atoms, it bounded across the room and lay crashed at the nurse's feet. The woman sprang from her chair and caught the baby from the blazing cradle, and in another instant put out the flame.

Suddenly, up before Annette again arose the beautiful spirit Lullaby. With a sweet smile on her face she beckoned to her, and said.

"Will you come?"

Annette made one step forward, then she felt her feet slide from under her.

For one moment Annette clung to the edge of the roof; the next, her hands slipped away and she went down, down. But before Annette touched the hard ground, Lullaby, the frost queen, glided forward and caught her in her soft, warm arms and flew upward past the moon and far beyond the stars.

The happy children peeping from the windows to see Santa Claus drive by, pointed to them and whispered.

"See the great shooting star!"

The neighbors in the house where Annette lived say she was found, white and frozen, in the narrow back yard below the attic window, on Christmas morning. But we know better; we know that the kind fairy Lullaby took her to her crystal kingdom and left a still, white image in her place.

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Washington Letter.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S attitude toward the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been so persistently misrepresented that the assumption is fair that much of it has been intentional. The U. S. Constitution gives the Senate equal power with the President in the making of treaties. Therefore, when the Senate in its wisdom saw fit to amend the treaty with Great Britain that had been negotiated by the Executive branch of the government, it was only exercising its constitutional right, and it is ridiculous to say it thereby furnished any legitimate cause for objection, either on the part of President McKinley or of the government of Great Britain, and it was an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of Secretary Hay, who was the President's personal representative in the negotiation of the treaty, to circulate stories of his having threatened to resign because the treaty was amended. Why, the author of a bill passed by the House which is amended by the Senate would have as much justification for resigning. The large majority of the Senate, which adopted the Davis amendment to the treaty, by which this government reserves the right to control and defend the Nicaragua Canal in its own way spoke for itself, and the other proposed amendments, including the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will doubtless get as large a vote in the Senate. President McKinley does not regard this as any reflection either on himself or Secretary Hay and when the amended treaty is ratified, which it is hoped it will be before the Christmas recess, he will at once forward it to the British government. If the British Government rejects it, that will be its own affair. Opinion differs as to whether the rejection of the treaty by Great Britain would delay the Nicaragua Canal. It might delay the beginning of that Canal, but it is very certain that the delay would only be temporary, as it would arouse public opinion in this country to a pitch that would make the speedy completion of the Nicaragua Canal a certainty.

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The House opened the third week of the session by taking up and passing the regular pension appropriation bill, which carries a little more than $145,000,000.

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The House Ways and Means Committee scored a triumph when the Revenue Reduction bill was passed by the House just as reported from the committee with the exception of one unimportant amendment striking out the clause which abolished one-sixth and one-eighth beer barrels. Chairman Paynehas received many congratulations.

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The Senate is still considering the Ship Subsidy bill. When the session opened, it was expected that this measure would be passed before the Christmas recess, but now a vote is not considered likely until well along in January. One reason for this is that some Senators who are interested in trying to get amendments for further reductions in the Revenue Reduction bill, think they have more chance for success if the Ship subsidy bill is not passed before the other is taken up. There has been no attempt on the part of the friends of the Ship Subsidy bill to force a vote, but no other measure can be voted upon in the Senate before it is, without their consent.

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Secretary Root made a statement before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, which is considering the Army Reorganization bill, recently passed by the House, showing the necessity for speedy action on the bill, in order that enlistments may be started under the new law in time to get men in condition to take the places of the volunteers whose time will expire the first of next July. The Committee decided that no further hearings would be granted, and Senator Hawley, Chairman, says no time will be lost in getting the bill before the Senate. Already many applications are being made to the President for the smaller commissions in the reorganized army, the general understanding being that the appointment of outsiders will, as a rule, be confined to second lieutenantcies and that all of that grade in the regular army will be promoted.

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In nothing is the great prosperity of the country more strikingly shown than in the growth of our exportation of manufactured metals. From statistics already compiled at the Treasury Department it is certain that our exports of manufactured metals will for the year ending December 31, 1900, exceed $200,000,000.

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Representative Brosius, of Pa. is one of the numerous members of the House who believe that the present number of members, 357, should not be increased, because that body is already so large that it is at times somewhat unwieldly, and also because the hall of the House will not comfortably accommodate a larger number. Mr. Brosius has introduced a resolution providing for a constitutional amendment permanently fixing the membership of the House at that number. The House committee on the Census, is now considering the reapportionment bill and hopes to get it reported before the holiday recess, which will be from the 21st inst. until January 3. It is not yet certain whether the bill will provide for an increase in the membership of the House or for the present number. The Committee is very nearly evenly divided on the question. Representative Hopkins, Chairman of the Committee has a bill of his own which provides for the present number of Representatives.

WANT THE DELAWARE RAILROAD TAXED

The Delaware State Grange Tuesday at the Kent county courthouse passed resolutions condemning the failure of former Legislature to tax the Delaware Railroad Company as are other railroads in that State. The matter came up in the form of a resolution to consider that part of Master Arnold Naudain, Jr.'s, address referring to the difficulties under which farmers of that State had to labor because of the poor transportation facilities or the high railroad tariffs. Abram N. Brown, of Wyoming, made a vigorous speech for a campaign before the next Generel Assembly for the raising of the taxation of the road.

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	S. A. M.	EXP. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.
Philadelphia	35	10 20	‖2 20	‖3 58	35 56	11.26
Baltimore	8	8.03	1.18	2 01	4:20	7.53
Wilmington	8	11 06	3.03	4.39	6:58	12,11
Farnhurst	f 8		f 3 12		f7.07	
New Castle	8		3.17	4.52	7.12	
State Road	f8		f 3.22		f7:17	
Bear	f8		f 3.27	f 5.01	7:22	
Porter	8		f 3.32	5 07	7:28	
Kirkwood	8		f 3.37		7:33	
Mt. Pleasant	9		f 3.43		f 7:41	
Armstrong	f9		f 3.49		f 7:47	
Middletown	9	11.50	3.54	5 3	7:51	12.54
Townsend	9		4.01	5 40	7:58	
Blackbird	f9		f 4.11		8:04	
Gr'n Spring	f9		f 4.17		f8:10	
Clayton	9	12 07	4.22	5 54	8:16	
Smyrna..LV	9	21.57	4.12	5 44	8:06	
Brenford	f9		f 4.27		8:21	
Cheswold	f9		f 4.32		f8:27	
Dupont			f 4.35			
Dover	9	2.23	4.42	6 12	8:37	1.31
Wyoming	10	2.29	4.48	6 18	8:43	a 1.39
Woodside	f10			f 6.24	f8 49	
Viola	f10			f 6.30	f8.54	
Felton	10	2.40		6 33	8.58	a 1.5
Harrington	10	2.53		6 46	9.11	2.0.
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Bridgeville	10.	1.16		7.10	9.34	a 2 29
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Seaford	11	1.27		7 21	9 48	2.41
Laurel	11.	1.37		7.34	9 58	a 2.53
Delmar	11.	1.46		7.43	10 08	3.05
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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	FAIL. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M.
Delmar	11.06		7.05	‖8 00	‖2 15	‖3.30
Laurel	f 1.2		7.16	8.10	2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.3		7.28	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.36	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.42	8.37	f 2 46	4.11
Greenwood			f7.50	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.58	f 8.53		f 4.27
Ocean City (B C & A Ry				6.40		*2.10
Berlin				6.56		2.23
Georgetown				8.06		3.42
Harrington	2.23		8.19	9 06	3.09	4:31
Felton	f 2.33		8.19	9.16	3.18	4:50
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Brenford		18		f 9.54		f 5:26
Smyrna..LV		15	8 48	9 51	3 41	5.21
Clayton	3.09	25	8 58	10.01	3.54	5:31
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Blackbird		35		f10 09		f 5:45
Townsend		40	9 11	10 14	4 07	5.51
Middletown	3.30	50	9 20	10.23	4.16	16:04
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Porter		15	9 40	10 46	4 56	6:17
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State Road		25		f10 56		f 6:33
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